

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.-40. (cancelled)

41. (new) A feeding bottle for babies or young children comprising a container body and a closure therefor, wherein the container body before use has a cover protecting the interior thereof.

42. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 41, wherein the bottle comprises components that are stackable in sets of the components.

43. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 42, wherein the bottle comprising a container body and a closure therefor, is provided as a stack of container bodies one within the other and a stack of closures on top of each other.

44. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 43, wherein the closure component includes a teat for the bottle.

45. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 44, wherein the teat is a separable component.

46. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 45 further comprising means for locking the teat in place.

47. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 46, wherein the locking means comprises a locking ring to clamp a flange of the teat between the closure and the ring.

48. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 44, wherein the teat is bonded or co-molded to the closure.
49. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 44, wherein the teat is attached to one end of the container body and a closure is attachable to the opposite end of the body.
50. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 44, wherein a cap is provided for protecting the teat.
51. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 50, wherein the cap is a press-fit over the teat onto the closure or sides of the body.
52. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 41, wherein the bottle has a closure having a drinking spout.
53. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 52, wherein the spout has a slit for a drinking opening.
54. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 52, wherein the spout is situated close to an edge of the closure.
55. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 52, wherein the closure has a vent.
56. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 55, wherein the vent is in the form of a slit.
57. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 55, wherein the vent is in a depression of the closure.
58. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 55, wherein the vent slit is shorter than the slit of the drinking spout.
59. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 52, wherein the spout is co-molded

onto the closure.

60. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 59, wherein the vent is co-molded onto the closure.

61. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 43, wherein the closure is a screw cap.

62. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 43, wherein the closure is non-removable once the bottle has been filled.

63. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 62, wherein the closure and container include a ratchet mechanism.

64. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 43, wherein the closure is a snap-fit onto the body.

65. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 64, wherein a formation is provided on the body to inhibit removal of the closure.

66. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 65, wherein said formation is a rib or the like to inhibit levering off of the closure.

67. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 66, wherein the rib extends outwards to be substantially coterminous with the outer extent of the closure.

68. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in any one of claim 43, wherein the closure is adapted or arranged to form a fluid tight seal with the container body.

69. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 41, wherein the cover extends into the container body, whereby container bodies are stackable one within the other.

70. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 41, wherein the cover is adhered to the rim of the container body at its open end.
71. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 41, wherein the cover is made of flexible plastics material.
72. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 41, wherein the cover is non-stick relative to the material of the container body.
73. (new) A feeding bottle as claimed in claim 41, wherein the cover is made of polystyrene.
74. (new) A container body for a feeding bottle for babies or young children, wherein the container body before use has a cover protecting the interior thereof.
75. (new) A container body for a feeding bottle as claimed in claim 74, wherein the cover extends into the container body, whereby container bodies are stackable one within the other.
76. (new) A container for a feeding bottle as claimed in claim 74, wherein the cover is adhered to the rim of the container body at its open end.
77. (new) A container for a feeding bottle as claimed in claim 74, wherein the cover is made of flexible plastics material.
78. (new) A container for a feeding bottle as claimed in claim 74, wherein the cover is non-stick relative to the material of the container body.
79. (new) A container for a feeding bottle as claimed in claim 74, wherein the cover is made of polystyrene.